

News from Rep. Stephanie Herseth

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HERSETH ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR SOUTH DAKOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT

CJS Bill includes Herseth and Osborne Earmark for Patrols at Whiteclay

November 8, 2005, Washington, D.C. – U.S. Rep. Stephanie Herseth announced funding levels for the Commerce, Justice and Science (CJS) Appropriations Bill conference report today, including her requests for several South Dakota law enforcement programs.

When the bill moved through the House earlier this year, Herseth worked to secure “soft” earmarks for several South Dakota projects, meaning that they did not receive a specific funding level at that time, but served as placeholders as the bill went to conference.

Projects secured by Herseth included the final conference report:

\$100,000 for the tribal police of the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota to support community policing in Whiteclay, NE

\$50,000 for The Children’s Identification and Location Database (CHILD) Project

\$100,000 for the Children’s Home Society of South Dakota for forensic interview services for children alleged to be sexually or physically abused

\$150,000 for Methamphetamine Awareness and Prevention Project (MAPP-SD)

\$90,000 for Minnehaha County Sheriff’s office for law enforcement technology improvements

Herseth said, “I am pleased to have secured funding for these critical South Dakota law enforcement projects. This funding will help ensure that South Dakota continues to enjoy its high quality of life and low crime rate. While we continue to be in an extremely tight budget environment, these are extremely important programs that benefit the entire state.”

The White Clay program, which received \$100,000, is a joint request from Herseth and Rep. Tom Osborne, (R-NE). The funding will allow tribal officers of the Pine Ridge reservation to assist in community policing in Whiteclay, NE.

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Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth serves South Dakota in the U.S. House of Representatives. She is a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of moderate Democrats committed to fiscal discipline and strong national security, and is co-chair of the Rural Working Group, which is dedicated to raising the profile of issues important to rural America. She also serves on three committees vital to South Dakota's interests: Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs and Resources.